

The Days of Real Sport—By Briggs

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LONG SUMMER AHEAD—WHEE!

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Campaign Expenses.

The senate investigation of campaign
expenses exposed the fact that at least
two of the national delegates to the
Republican convention had been bought
outright. Perhaps there were others,
but the record does not show.

Regardless of whether the money used
by the Republican candidates was for
the purpose of actual bribery, the coun-
try did not take kindly to the idea
of these huge funds placed in the hands
of managers out to win for their candi-
dates without too much scruple as to
the methods employed.

There are degrees in moral turpitude,
and it does not necessarily appear that
any of the Republican principals went
to the uttermost limit in the depths
of depravity.

The memory of the Newberry case is
fresh in the public mind, and that
disposes of the people to look with suspi-
cion on all excessive campaign funds.
But in the Newberry case there was a
federal law limiting expenditures that
was violated, while there is no such
law in the presidential race.

Large campaign funds without any
necessity of a public auditing bring too
much temptation to bear on the weak
spirits of zealous partisan managers.
The use of these funds to buy the votes
of the electorate is probably quite ex-
ceptional, but it is too easy to be risked.

But, assuming that there was no in-
tent on the part of the candidates to
debauch the electorate, and that the
one and only instance of such a pro-
cedure has been exposed and repudi-
ated in the Missouri case, it would
still be a very poor policy, without
raising a protest, to let these huge sums
be raised and squandered in the in-
terest of candidates who command the
sympathetic attention of the rich men
of the country. It is right to resent
this practice.

The money was raised for the most
part not for the sake of bribery, but
for the sake of propaganda, and such
business was not so much a crime as
an absurdity.

The leading Republican candidates
seem to have imagined that they were
out to sell soap, or perfume, or mat-
tresses, or some such commodity with
which they had to make the people
acquainted, rather than conducting an
appropriate campaign for the presidency
of the United States.

It is impossible to conceive of Wash-
ington or Jefferson or the present in-
cumbent of the White House as hav-
ing had to advertise their merits ac-
cording to the customs of retail com-
merce. The present Democratic candi-
dates, whoever they are, have a much
better idea of what is fitting in the
campaign.

Printers' bills and managers' salaries
used up the bulk of the fat Republican
purses as the claims of the candidate
were brought to the attention of the
various electorates, and it is in that
sense that convention support was pur-
chased or alienated, as the case may
be.

There is no telling how many able-
bodied men are on the pay roll of emi-
nent Republicans this year for doing
nothing at all but sitting in the office
and making their men odious to
thoughtful people, when they ought to
be harvesting the hay crop or hoeing
the garden.

Fortunately, the hired campaigners
and their propaganda do not accom-
plish any particular results. In Michi-
gan, for example, the vote was in some-
thing like inverse proportion to the
amount of money spent by the different
candidates.

It would be a safe wager, if any-
body could be found to take it, that
since the senatorial exposures and in
view of the silliness of the returns
anyhow, Republican candidates consider
the sums they spent on their cam-
paigns as the poorest investment they
ever made.

Tennessee Democrats.

The Democrats of Tennessee in con-
vention assembled the other day held
a harmonious meeting and discharged
the duties which they were called upon
to perform in a creditable manner.
The endorsement of President Wilson
and the league of nations was a fore-
gone conclusion. The people believe
that way and anything else would not
have represented their wishes.

The action of the convention on Sen-
ator Shields was to have been expected,
and while it places that gentleman in
an awkward situation it is what he
might have expected, with the Republi-
can convention in Chicago training
his heaviest guns and centering its at-
tack on Wilson and the league of na-
tions, and making of these the para-
mount issue. No Democratic senator
who aligns himself with that party,
however honestly, could reasonably hope
to escape condemnation by the Demo-
cratic masses "back home."

The delegates to San Francisco are
acceptable and will represent the Demo-
cratic masses of the state.
The convention was well attended,
and there was ample enthusiasm with-
out any indications of brainstorm. One
thing is most gratifying: the good ladies
were given due recognition, and in the
distribution of honors were properly and
amply honored. They should take heart
and resolve to make their power and
influence felt in the political life of the
state. With this power and influence
we can expect better and cleaner poli-
tics in Tennessee and the nation.

Educating the Mexicans.

The Mexican leaders never had bet-
ter doctrine preached to them than by
the great Spanish novelist, Ibanes, au-
thor of "The Four Horsemen of the
Apocalypse" and other popular books
who sojourned in that befuddled coun-

try for a while before the taking off
of Carranza.
Being himself of the bluest Span-
ish blood, Ibanes was thoroughly
ashamed of the deservedly bad reputa-
tion of his race in Mexico, and it would
seem from the chapters appearing from
day to day in the New York Times
that he attempted in many a conversa-
tion with Mexicans to make them feel
ashamed too.

In Mexico, it would appear from
these articles, the population consists
of two or three millions of pure Span-
ish blood who rule the country, six
millions of Indians, and six or seven
millions of half-breeds. The ruling class
is distinguished above all other ruling
classes on earth for its ignorance about
other countries and for its conceit as
to the power and glories of Mexico.
To this class Ibanes addressed him-
self.

"Mexico, luckily or unluckily, is the
most conspicuous place on the American
continent. It also has the best ac-
count. Mexico is the head of our Span-
ish-speaking world. It is the highest
north, in immediate contact with the
United States. You are the show win-
dow in front of which a hundred and
ten millions of Americans walk by every
day. And what do they see? Nothing
but horrible and disgusting exhibits.
If the display itself were not bad
enough, you would have other claims
on world attention. Your revolutions
last for years and years, and you
break all records for the number of
foreigners you kill."

The other Latin-American countries
are the shop to which Mexico consti-
tutes for the United States the show
window, and these are really decent
countries in the novelist's estimation.

"But the immense American majori-
ties simply go by on the street. The
immense majority that makes up pub-
lic opinion in the United States has no
idea of what is to be found inside the
shop. It sees only what is in the show
window. And what is that? Decapitated
heads, to begin with, for Mexico still
decapitates people and puts the
severed heads on exhibition; then
machetes dripping with blood; then a
string of murdered foreigners; then a
president, perhaps, shot by his body-
guard; then a friend clapping hands
with a friend and driving a knife into
his back; finally an educated man, serv-
ing as a counselor to a bandit, promoted
to a general."

Paying his respects to the half-
breeds, whom he denotes as white-
washed Indians or bronzed white men,
the novelist tells his Mexican friends:
"There may be a few decent indi-
viduals among them, but there are in
any mass of people. But the majority
are loafers, fond of noise and
big talk, soap-box artists with a gift
for the theatrical pose, idlers and bums,
who never did a stroke of hard work
in their lives and hate any kind of
success that is not attained overnight.
They are the raw material of your
revolutions. They take to politics
like ducks, but to a politics of persons
and not of ideas."

These are the feelings that Ameri-
cans have entertained for a long time,
but the Mexicans would hardly have
cared to listen to our opinions as they
heard those of a man whom they honor
as a brilliant representative of their
race.

Senator Ibanes is not optimistic about
the immediate improvement of Mexico.
He says it all depends on educating
the concept of the dominant class
and making them realize their own and
Mexico's deficiencies. We should say
his own words helped.

Prohibition.

In his opening speech in Chicago Sen-
ator Lodge avoided all reference to
prohibition. This did not suit Mr. Bryan
and other radical prohibitionists. The
senator no doubt considered prohibi-
tion as among the res adjudicata, and
he did not wish to lumber the proceed-
ings with avoidable details.

Prohibition will take care of itself
from now on. The people want it. Even
those who strenuously opposed it are
now satisfied with it and would not
bring back the saloon if they could.
Popular sentiment will enforce the law
without an army of professional en-
forcers auxiliary to the government and
the constituted authorities. The meat
ticket of the professional prohibitionist
must be sought elsewhere. There will
be no compromise on light wines and
beer. Intoxicants are gone for good
and all, out of this country, and they
may be driven out of all countries.

After a debauch of many centuries the
world will make up its mind to live
soberly. Campaign speeches and legis-
lation are unnecessary while public
sentiment remains as firm as it is.

Reassured.

When Chairman Hays timorously
arose and looked over the vast audi-
ence in Chicago and saw that Sway-
back Wilson, of Memphis, was there,
he felt reassured and proceeded to open
the convention with confidence in his
ability to break the solid South. The
man and the occasion had met on a
footbridge and could not pass each other
without exchanging greetings.

PERFECTLY USELESS.

Nobody except our own dusky dou-
ble-breasted negroes really black as
negro can be until he has seen an Al-
gerian.

Two American darkies in Great
Britain, a gaily clad native of the North
coast of Africa, whose complexion
resembled the traditional hour just be-
fore dawn.

"Say," ejaculated one, "there ain't no
sense being in damn black as all that!"
—The American Legion Weekly.

YOUTH: The ability to jazz after a
seven-course dinner on light wines and
beer, and to remain in love over a straw-
berry sundae, and to extrude a real thrill
from a moonlight ride on top of an omnibus.

Public Discussion

PRAISES EDITORIAL.

To The News Scimitar:
Your timely editorial with the head-
line "The Federal Reserve Bank and
the Automobile Business" has been re-
called to the attention of this office,
and we take this opportunity to ex-
press our hearty approval of the ap-
ple-d method in which you are dissemi-
nating the facts concerning the automo-
bile business to your readers.

There never has been any effort made
on the part of this industry to dodge its
duties as an industry during the recon-
struction period, and every effort is
being made on the part of those vital-
ity in the industry to assist in
bringing about a normal condition
in the country. However, we have and
will continue most seriously to protest
the written and oral statements of
anyone who attempts to classify this
industry as a non-essential.

We cannot understand how the think-
ing mind in view of the tremendous
progress that has been made as a re-
sult of the motor vehicle can attempt
to classify such a large industry which
owns its growth primarily to the very
fact that the public demands its prod-
ucts as a non-essential.

A. Barton Hepburn, of the Chase Na-
tional bank of New York city, recently
made the statement that "the automo-
bile was as necessary as the coffee
pot," and other equally prominent and
capable thinkers have in a like manner
expressed themselves regarding the au-
tomobile and the part it is playing in
the upbuilding of the community life
throughout the country.

Whereas the federal reserve board
has definitely gone on record as op-
posed to the automobile as a non-essen-
tial, and the federal reserve board has
not taken it upon itself to classify the
automobile as a non-essential, there-
fore, we, the undersigned, who have a
tendency on the public platform and
otherwise to take it upon themselves to
classify the automobile as a luxury and
as such should be eliminated in pur-
chases to be made by the public for
more preferable expenditures for neces-
sities.

Please know that we appreciate very
much your fairness and we feel certain
that with similar articles appearing
in the behalf of our industry, that you
will be rendering a service to your
readers that they can not help but ap-
preciate. We thank you.

HARVEY G. MOORE,
Secretary and General Manager, National
Automobile Dealers Assn.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

BY HELEN ROWLAND.

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dicate, Inc.)
Real love is the ability to glorify a
man without trying him—and to under-
stand him without understanding him.

What is that morbid fascination,
which men go out into the garden,
every morning, to look at the place
where his radiance haven't
yet been? The same irresistible im-
pulse, no doubt, that makes a woman
go downtown to look at the hats she
can't afford to buy.

To be popular, all in the world you
need to remember is that every woman
loves to be looked at, and every man
loves to be listened to.

A spinster is apt to be self-opinion-
ated. It requires a few years of mar-
ried life for a woman to discover that
her opinions are of no consequence
whatever. Heigh-ho!

A confirmed bachelor spends 30 years
of his life in fighting to escape matrimony—and the remaining 20 in apolo-
getically explaining why. Then he
elopes with a blond telephone girl.

Long engagements are the hallmark
of love. When two people insist on
monopolizing each other for several
years, without marrying, love just natu-
rally does off and dies of ennu.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—Why did Roosevelt Conkling resign from the senate shortly after Garfield was elected president?—M. V. E.

A.—President Garfield appointed William H. Robertson to the post of collector of the port of New York, arousing the opposition of Senator Conkling, of that state, who finally resigned his seat in the senate on this account. Likewise, both asking the New York legislature to return them as a justification of their course. This was not done. Senators Miller and Lapham being elected after a bitter contest.

Q.—Is there a limit to the amount of money a political national committee may spend during a presidential campaign?—W. O. T.

A.—There is no set limit of expendi-
ture. It is merely necessary to raise
the money to spend. However, a public
accounting is made nowadays.

Q.—How much gold and silver money is being coined at present?—J. W.

A.—During the month of May, 1920,
\$15,535,000 was coined in gold and \$2,
842,000 in silver money.

Q.—Where did the name Dixie come from as applied to the South?—N. F.

A.—The origin of the name is obscure.
The word "Dixie" was first used by
Dixie emigrants to the South from New
York. His slaves looked upon their old
home as a non-essential.

Q.—Do members of congress get mileage when a recess is taken?—B. O. W.

A.—Unless the session is adjourned,
they do not receive mileage. The provision is made
that each member of congress shall be
furnished mileage for 20 cents a mile to
and from Washington once each session
of congress.

Q.—Is the Red sea at present the same width as at the time of the Israelites' crossing?—N. M. A.

A.—The Red sea at the present time
is approximately the same width as at
the time of the Israelites' crossing. The
breadth of the sea ranges from 100 to
200 miles.

Q.—Who made the first trip across the Grand Canyon in an airplane?—F. H.

A.—Lieuts. Searle and Jones made the
first trip ever attempted in the
space of the canyon. They crossed the
junction of Diamond creek and the
Colorado river canyon, which at
this point is about 2,000 feet across,
with a sheer drop of 6,000 feet. They
flew across at an altitude of 15,000 feet.

Q.—Wouldn't it be a good idea to
have a campaign for saving waste pa-
per?—A. G. B.

A.—Such an appeal has been made by
Secretary of Commerce J. C. Danaher.
He has urged that every citizen should
respond to it. St. Louis schools col-
lected and sold waste paper to the
amount of \$10,000 during the
school year just completed.

Q.—What is meant by shooting the
sun?—T. E.

A.—This is a nautical term which ap-
plies to taking observations of the sky
and wind with a sextant.

Q.—How many federal prisons are
there?—I. M. C.

A.—There are three federal civil pris-
ons. They are located at Leavenworth,
Kas.; Atlanta, Ga.; and McNeil Island,
Washington.

Q.—What road is known as the
"rope of Road"?—C. I. I.

A.—This name—regina viarum—was
bestowed upon the Apian way by the
poet Statius about 100 years ago. They
must have been very fond of the road,
having been begun by Appius Claudius
Caecus in 312 B. C.

Q.—Where are the school teachers
paid?—H. H.

A.—A—A survey states that of
city schools, New York city teachers
are paid the most, and Jacksonville,
Fla., the least.

Q.—How many can get the answer to
any question by writing The News
Scimitar information bureau, Frederic
J. Hain, director, Washington, D. C.
This offer applies strictly to informa-
tion. The bureau cannot give advice
on legal, medical and financial mat-
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UNCLE WIGGILY AND WILLIE'S MARBLES.

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BY HOWARD R. GARIS.

Once upon a time, as Uncle Wiggily
was hopping through the woods, look-
ing for an adventure, he heard, behind
a screen of bushes, some voices talking.
"Now it's my turn to shoot!" some-
one said.

"No, it's mine," another voice an-
swered. "You shot before. I'm going to
shoot now, and oh, what a bang I'm
going to make!"
"Goodness me, sakes alive and some
peppermint peanut popcorn!" thought
the bunny. "This fellow is talking of
shooting and banging must mean there
are hunters in the wood, and if there
are hunters it is no place for me! I'm
going to skip!"

He was just going to hop away when
he heard another voice saying
"Here comes Willie Flufftail, the
lamb boy. Let's ask him to play mar-
bles!"

Uncle Wiggily stopped when he heard
this, and a more pleasant smile came
over his pink nose.

"If whoever was talking is a friend
of Willie Flufftail, the lamb brother of
mine, he must be a friend of mine."
Thought the bunny. "That is, unless
he thought the bunny uncle. I guess it's
safe for me to stay."

So he peeked from the top of the
bushes and there he saw Sammie Lit-
tle, the rabbit, Johnnie and Billie
Bunbail, the squirrels, and one of the many
such names that show the strong impres-
sion made upon other languages by the
Roman law. It signifies "just."

In early times there was a St. Justus
or Justus in Lyons, but the feminine form
was directly devised from Justa, a virgin
martyr, whose fame was later eclipsed
by that of Justina. Her martyrdom
occurred in the city of Lyons, and she
is called in Venice, is very popular
in Italy and France has made her
equally popular as Justine. The Eng-
lish accepted the French spelling, but
we have adopted both versions in this
country, employing Justine and Jus-
tina indiscriminately.

The most apt is Justine's tal-
lented stone. It promises her courage
and victory through all difficulties.
Sunday is her lucky day and 4 her
lucky number.

Note to readers: Is there a fact con-
cerning your name in which you are
interested? Do you know its history?
What is its meaning? Is it derived from
ancient? Do you know your lucky day
and your lucky jewel? If not, Mildred
Marshall will tell you.

Send self-addressed and stamped en-
velope with your queries to Mildred
Marshall, The News Scimitar.

PRECAUTION.

In a little town out West there lives
a man whose sagacity and foresight
is almost beyond belief.

Several years ago he bought a fine,
new automobile. His first object was
to have it to open up his purchase
and paint on it in large, glaring let-
ters, "SIXTY-NINE HOURS."

The village umbrella borrower and
all persons with the proverbial falling
have shunned Mr. Root as though he
were a veritable plague.

CHARITY.

The clergyman of a poor parish was
asked a rich lady to contribute to
the church fund. He said, "I have
to beg for my people."

"I must do something for them,"
said the lady, adding to the chauf-
feur, "James, drive the car slowly and
turn on the big lamps."

"Nobody Loves Fat Man" Not True Here

BY MRS. ELIZABETH THOMPSON.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—My age is between 20 and 25 years.
I am 6 feet 8½ inches high and weight 239 pounds. Do you
think my weight is too much for my height? If so please give
me some remedy to reduce.

I am in love with three girls, two of
the girls live near each other, and both
seem to be jealous. What can I do to
keep them from being this way? I am
not sure of the difference of our
ages. He has a younger sister who
is out she gets angry and tells me I
can not call on her often than every
other night, and this almost breaks my
heart. We are engaged to be married
on Christmas, 1922. When I leave her
at night she wants me to let her kiss
me at least 100 times and this I can
not stand. Tell me how I can keep
her from wanting to kiss me so often.
I sometimes call on her when I have
not shaved for three or four days,
thinking possibly this would send her
off, but it makes no difference.

Far be it from me to advise you as
to how to reduce or change yourself in
any way when you are so irresistible
to the fair sex. Since her kisses are
so dreadfully disagreeable to you sup-
pose you anoint your lips with carbol-
ic acid and quinine, or wear a muzzle.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—I am 20 years
old and am in love with a girl 19. We
are engaged, but she is so peculiar
and has so many ways I do not like,
although I love her dearly. She was
engaged to another man when I met
her, but she broke and says she
loves me now but she says she will
be trying to blow me up. One thing I
do not like about her is that she likes
to flirt with married men. She is a
nice dancer. Do you think dancing is
all right? I go to see her from one to
five times a week, do I go too often?
Do you think that we should marry or
quit and never speak again?

No, she is just amusing herself, as
many of you men often do. Dancing is
all right unless carried to an excess.
Do not try going any farther. I have
known couples to do both.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—I have been
married five years and am 37 years old.

Wedding gifts are always sent to the
bride-to-be. I would make an effort
to get her address, as sending a gift
to a club is rather risky.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—I am 13 years
old and am in the 6-2 grade. I would
like to go to a high school and make
up one or two grades. Where can I
go and will it cost me anything? How
do I get rid of ants that are in our
ice box?

Your letter would have been answered
soon but I have been inquiring about
a summer school and find that there
will be none in the city. The Normal
school in the only summer school I
know of anywhere near Memphis.
There is an ant tape that can be pur-
chased from any drug store. It will
keep ants out of an ice box.

DEARIE—This is neither the postal
department nor the Bureau of Lost and
Found Friends. Write the postmaster
at Waverly, perhaps he will help you.

IN A dark hallway.
A LETTER carrier.
HELD LIGHTED matches.
UP CLOSE to the names.
SO THAT he might see.
WHERE THE letters went.
AND WHEN I asked.
WHY HE didn't complain.
HE SAID to me.
THAT FOR 30 years.
HE'D BEEN carrying mail.
INTO "DARK" hallways.
AND HAD long since found.
THAT IT did no good.

TO MAKE complaint.
AND IT seemed to him.
THAT NO one cared.
AND THAT'S been true.
AND THAT'S why.
I WRITE these lines.
FOR POSTAL clerks.
AND THE carrier man.
AND SOME of them.
HAVE GROWN old.
IN THE work they do.
AND THEY'VE been true.
EACH to his task.
WHILE YOU and I.
HAVE GONE our way.
AND HAVEN'T cared.
AND FELT no shame.
THAT THE wage they get.
IS HARDLY enough.
FOR BODILY needs.
AND LEAVES no part.
FOR A future day.
AND NOW they come.
AND ASK of you.
AND ASK of me.
THAT WE join with them.
IN THE plea they make.
TO THE hired men.
WHOM WE elect.
THAT A wage be fixed.
THAT WILL let them live.
AS THEY should live.
AND SO I write.
AS ONE of those.
FOR WHOM they work.
THAT I want a raise.
FOR THE postal clerk.
AND THE carrier man.
AND FOR their wives.
AND FOR their kids.
I THANK you.

What's In a Name?
BY MILDRED MARSHALL.
JUSTINE.

Justine may almost be classed as a
"legal" name. It is derived from the
Latin word justus, meaning to swear or
take oath, and is one of the many such
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